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(SBU) Despite frequent demarches by the Ambassador and DCM, the GRZ has not taken any steps toward recognizing Kosovo's independence. On May 12, the Ambassador and Poloff discussed the issue again with Foreign Ministry Permanent Secretary Tens Kapoma, who said that Zambia--at least for the time being--does not intend to recognize Kosovo. Poloff also delivered copies of the Ref A talking points to Peter Monga, who heads the Foreign Ministry's International Organizations Office. Although Kapoma and others had previously expressed their general support for self-determination and agreement on the need for broad international cooperation, there appears to be little incentive for the GRZ to take the initiative on this issue, particularly given its long and warm ties to Serbia.

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